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SUBJECT: NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE: FRG PRESSURE FOR FULL
PARTICIPATION

REFS: (A) STATE 18156, (B) ROME 1115

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE FRG'S SUGGESTION THAT SIGNATORY
PARTIES WHICH HAVE COMPLETED THE INTERNAL RATIFICATION
PROCESS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE
ON THE SAME BASIS AS PARTIES WHICH HAVE DEPOSITED THEIR
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INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION WAS ONLY A TRIAL BALLOON.

IT HAS BEEN PUNCTURED BY THE UK AND THE BENELUX COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THE U.S. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE FRG DOES NOT PROPOSE TO PROCEED FURTHER WITH THE IDEA. END SUMMARY

1. WHEN EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE U.S. REACTION TO THE FRG'S PROPOSAL IN LINES WITH REF (A), FONOFF ARMS CONTROL OFFICE DIRECTOR ANDRAEA STATED THAT THE CONCEPT WAS NOT A FORMAL FRG PROPOSAL BUT RATHER AN INFORMAL SOUNDING. SIMILAR SOUNDINGS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE BENELUX COUNTRIES AND IN THE UK. ALL COUNTRIES APPROACHED HAD CAST COLD WATER ON THE IDEA. THEREFORE, THE FRG PROPOSED TO DROP THE SUGGESTION.

2. ANDRAEA REFERRED TO A RECENT TELEGRAM FROM THE FRG'S EMBASSY IN ROME WHICH REPORTED RUMOR'S JANUARY 23 REAFFIRMATION OF THE GOI'S INTENTION TO SUBMIT THE NPT TO PARLIAMENT FOR RATIFICATION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THIS SAME FRG TELEGRAM REFERRED TO A RECENT CONVERSATION WHICH THE FRG'S AMBASSADOR HAD HAD WITH SECRETARY GENERAL GAJA OF THE ITALIAN FONOFF. ACCORDING TO THE FRG AMBASSADOR, GAJA, WHO IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL STUMBLING BLOCKS IN THE WAY OF ITALIAN RATIFICATION, IS DROPPING HIS OPPOSITION. GAJA WENT SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT IT WOULD TAKE ONLY A FEW WEEKS FROM THE TIME WHEN THE TREATY WAS PUT BEFORE PARLIAMENT BEFORE THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE WOULD BE COMPLETED.

3. ANDRAEA STATED THAT THE FRG WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN PARA 3 REF (A) CONCERNING THE GRANTING OF CERTAIN RIGHTS (SHORT OF VOTING) TO SIGNATORIES. ANDRAEA OUTLINED THE RIGHTS THAT THE FRG WOULD PROBABLY SEEK AS AUTHORITY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT PAPERS AS WELL AS AUTHORITY TO SPEAK AND PARTICIPATE IN BOTH THE PLENARY AND COMMITTEE SESSIONS. THE FRG WOULD NOT EXPECT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE NOR TO HAVE A VOTE. IN ANSWER TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, ANDRAEA STATED THAT THE FRG DEFINITELY SHARED THE U.S. VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE AT THIS TIME TO PROVIDE ANY ASSURANCES TO THE ITALIANS ON THE CONCEPT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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LIMITED PARTICIPATION.

4. EMBOFF POSED QUESTIONS CONTAINED PARA 7 REF (B) TO ANDRAEA AS REQUESTED BY EMBASSY ROME. ANDRAEA STATED THAT THE FRG WAS MILDLY ENCOURAGED BY RUMOR'S UNDERTAKING AND BY SECRETARY GENERAL GAJA'S STATEMENT MENTIONED PARA 2 ABOVE. CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT MOST LEGISLATION TOOK AT LEAST A YEAR TO PASS THROUGH THE

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT, THE FRG WAS NOT AS YET ANYTHING MORE THAN MILDLY ENCOURAGED. IT INTENDED TO CONTINUE PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE ITALIANS TO HASTEN RATIFICATION. WHILE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FRG UNILATERALLY DESPOSITING ITS INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION JUST BEFORE THE REVIEW CONFERENCE CONVENED COULD NOT BE RULED OUT, THE FRG HAD NOT AS YET ESTABLISHED A FALLBACK POSITION IN CASE ITALIAN RATIFICATION WAS NOT COMPLETED BY THAT TIME.

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